

APPENDIX III

The following spontaneous remarks of J.G., a boy aged 2,7, have been supplied to me whilst this volume is in proof. They are recorded in the notes which the boy's mother is keeping, and cover a period of one month. My own interpretation of the main theme which they illustrate is given in parenthesis :

" At bath-time he got his duck out of the stool and put it in the bath near the plug-hole, saying, ' Duck want wee. Duck wee in hole. Duck have penis/' I asked him which was the duck's penis and he pointed to a place on its underside and said, ' Penis dere/ but there was nothing like a penis there.' (Denial of castration anxiety.)

" After tea, when I went in the nursery, he got off his chair and rubbed it and said, ' Dry, dry.' Then he said, ' Motion in trousers—mammy clean you.' He had done a bit of loose motion. He looked rather anxious while he was rubbing the chair, and said, ' Dry ' almost as if he were asking a question/ (Anxiety re loss of anal control, and reassurance by thought of helpful real mother.)

" When I went in at 3 p.m. to get him up from his rest, he said at once, ' Penis dry, botty dry, nappy dry, legs dry/ He looked rather anxious, so I guessed he was not dry. In fact he was in rather a mess from a loose motion. I just said, ' No, they're not dry, but I'll soon make them dry/ He said, ' Mammy wipe your botty/ " (Denial of reality, followed by reassurance of mother's actual willingness to help.)

" Said at night in bed, laughing and shouting: ' Anus in your mouth/ and repeated it a lot.' (Identification of mouth and anus, food and faeces, for purposes of reassurance against anxiety connected with anal functions.)

" Said when he was on the lavatory : ' Hole in your botty—motion in dere/ His mother told him it was his anus. He said, ' Gergel touch anus—motion in anus/ " (Anxiety connected with anal functions, and the idea of being full of faeces inside.)

" Said this morning, 'Daddy has penis in his

mouth/
(Nothing has been said to him to suggest this.)"
(Identifica-
tion of tongue and penis, based on oral
phantasies.)

" Said to his mother, holding his own nose : '
Got ^{nuwer}
penis/ His mother asked, ' Where ? ' He said,
still ^{holding}
his nose, ' Dere—penis dere/ " (Reassurance
against ^{castra-}
tion anxiety.)

¹ The boy has been given the terms "penis" and "
anus" ^{instead}
of the usual nursery terms. Otherwise his
upbringing ⁱⁿ these
respects is quite normal.